

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-6. (cancelled)

7. (currently amended) An injection device for causing a dose of liquid to be ejected, said device comprising:

a housing;

a syringe located within said housing, the syringe comprising a container and a needle at one end of the container through which the dose of liquid is to be ejected;

a plunger, the syringe being movable by said plunger, upon release of an actuating bias member at one end of the housing, to move the syringe, from a first position wherein the needle is shrouded by the housing, to a second position wherein the needle projects from ~~the other end of~~ the housing, the plunger having ~~its free~~ an end positioned within ~~an other end of~~ said container of the syringe; and

a surrounding and gripping flexible O-ring carried by said plunger, said O-ring rests against an enlarged head of the ~~other end of the~~ syringe container, such that a primary movement of the plunger, under the bias of the actuating bias member, transmits a frictional force to the O-ring with the result that the syringe container is moved by and with the O-ring linearly

from said first to said second position, whereupon arresting of further movement of the syringe container results in the frictional grip between the plunger and the O-ring being overcome, thus enabling the plunger to move by a secondary movement relatively to the O-ring, further into the syringe container, into contact with and to act upon a plug within the container to compress the dose of liquid within the syringe and cause expression of the dose of liquid through the syringe needle.

8. (previously presented) An injection device as claimed in claim 7, wherein a pressure maintaining bias member is positioned between a head of the plunger and the O-ring to enable pressure to be maintained by the O-ring onto the head of the syringe container during the secondary movement of the plunger.

9. (previously presented) An injection device as claimed in claim 7, including a return bias member acting between the syringe housing and the other end of the syringe container to hold the syringe retracted within the housing until the actuating bias member is released.

10. (previously presented) An injection device as claimed in claim 7, wherein one or more of the bias members provided within the housing is in the form of a coil spring.

11. (previously presented) An injection device as claimed in claim 8, including a return bias member acting between the syringe housing and the other end of the syringe container to

hold the syringe retracted within the housing until the actuating bias member is released.

12. (previously presented) An injection device as claimed in claim 8, wherein one or more of the bias members provided within the housing is in the form of a coil spring.

13. (previously presented) An injection device as claimed in claim 9, wherein one or more of the bias members provided within the housing is in the form of a coil spring.